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SUBJECT: VOA REPORT OF SECY-DESIGNATE VANCE'S REMARKS TO  
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF VOA ITEM DATED DECEMBER 15 AND  
TITLED, VANCE SEES KISSINGER:

INTRODUCTION: OIL PRICES WERE ALSO DISCUSSED WEDNESDAY  
AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE DESIGNATE  
CYRUS VANCE RECEIVED MORE BRIEFINGS FROM SECRETARY OF  
STATE KISSINGER. MARK WILLEN REPORTS:

TEXT:THE INCOMING AND OUTGOING SECRETARIES OF STATE SPENT  
ABOUT TWO HOURS TOGETHER -- DISCUSSING THE MIDDLE EAST, THE  
CYPRUS DISPUTE, AND PROBLEMS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. AFTER-  
WARDS MISTER VANCE TOLD REPORTERS THAT DOCTOR KISSINGER  
IS BRINGING HIM UP TO DATE ON PREVIOUS NEGOTIATIONS.  
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MISTER VANCE INDICATED HE HAS ALSO BEEN MEETING WITH A  
NUMBER OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN THE UNITED STATES...AND HE  
CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT AMONG HIS VISITORS WAS THE  
AMBASSADOR OF SAUDI ARABIA. MISTER VANCE DECLINED TO  
COMMENT ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS DISCUSSIONS.

BUT WHEN ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT OPEC MINISTERS MAY AGREE TO ONLY A MODERATE INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF OIL, HE SAID:QUOTE WELL, I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT'S TRUE. IT'S TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, BUT I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL BE KEPT TO NOTHING OR A VERY SMALL AMOUNT. END QUOTE.

TEXT RESUMED: THE SAUDI ARABIAN STAND AGAINST AN INCREASE IN OIL PRICES HAS BEEN WARMLY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT DEMONSTRATES A STATESMAN-LIKE ATTITUDE. FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATOR FRANK ZARB SAID THE SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE, AND SENSITIVE TO WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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